

SHEPPERD'S PLACE.

Applications for Western Collectorship Rolling In.

EX-GOVERNOR FITZHUGH LEE.

It is said he can have it if he wishes to—Other Possibilities, One of Them at Least, from the Eastern District.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—(Special.)—The applications for the collectorship in the Western District of Virginia, made vacant by the death of Captain Ham. Shepperd, are rolling in at such a rate that one of the members of the delegation said this morning he believed there would be more than fifty aspirants for the position.

Senators Daniel and Martin arrived here yesterday, and to-day Congressmen Meredith and Smith Turner came to the city. Major Orey, also, was scheduled to arrive in an appearance.

Truckers and stage drivers are expected to be at hand to take part in the struggle that has opened in earnest for this office, carrying with it a salary of \$2,500 a year.

There have been all sorts of rumors afloat concerning the probability that, and whether any basis existed for the rumor or not, it was widely spread around the city on Saturday.

According to the statement made here to-day by a resident of that town, that ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee would be present, and that he would be the one to take the office if it should be secured by his friends. On the other hand, some of the close friends of General Lee in that portion of the State positively asserted it as their firm belief that he would not be present.

Whether true or not, it is certain that this report was industriously circulated all along the Southern railway on Saturday and yesterday, and this morning on the train coming to Washington the people were discussing it, and, knowing that General Lee is pretty well with the President, most people seemed to care to accept it. Of course, it is not known positively that there is any authority for coupling General Lee's name with the collectorship, but rumors are given to show how people will talk when there is a vacancy in a big Federal office in Virginia.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES. Congressman Turner, who came in on the Strasburg train this morning, said that he had had visits from several candidates, and any number of letters and programs had been received by him from persons who would like to have the appointment.

Some of the candidates are already in the city. Edward Nelson, of Shenandoah county, is here. He came along with Congressman Turner.

Captain John N. Orey, of Staunton, has written his card to the President, and has written a letter saying he would like to be appointed. He has applied to several of the members of the delegation.

Nelson, of Millwood, Clarke county, is not too modest to say that he will take the position if Congressman Turner can so arrange things, and, in fact, all through the Valley, there are men who are anxious to make connection with the collectorship.

WARRENTON IN THE RACE. Warrenton, that live, cultured, and not bit bashful town when there is an office in sight, will not be slow to come forward with a candidate. Indeed, the report already reaches this city that the town has decided to put forward as its candidate, the well-known merchant of Warrenton, who is said to be willing if the powers that be will confer the position on him. The balance of the people have a kind of idea that Warrenton ought to stand back, but the Democrats of that town are not of the opinion, and that if the Warrenton people get going, they will else to run for President from the South next year they might on a pinch trot out a man, though they have never been known to reach such a point.

The present generation. The Warrentonians do not think they are asking too much for the appointment, and they are determined to go to a man in their place because a Warrenton man had it, and having passed it on to his son, they think that some other well-known man of the town should be his successor.

THIS DISTRICT, TOO. It is understood that several persons living in portions of the district are being traced in the revenue district are candidates, and they claim they should not be barred, but the chances are they will be. The chances are they will be. The chances are they will be.

NO UNITED ENDEAVORMENT. The Senators and Representatives from Virginia now in the city have taken no action looking to the collectorship. They have merely exchanged views and are waiting for the result of the contest. The only applications filed at the Treasury so far are those of Captain Orey, of Staunton, and Major Orey, of Roanoke. It is known that Colonel A. M. Rowman, of Salem, is a candidate for the position, and his papers are expected to arrive.

Major Orey says he has not endorsed any one yet, and will not do so until he knows more about the situation. The Senators and Representatives have also heard the rumor that General Lee is a candidate, but they have not been approached on the subject, and they are inclined to believe there is no basis for the report.

POSTAL AND PERSONAL. The post-office at Mill, Henderson county, N. C., has been discontinued; mail to Tazewell.

Congressman Woodard, of North Carolina, arrived in the city this morning. He has a contest on his hands, and has been very busy for the past several weeks getting up his testimony.

Ex-Congressman John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, is another prominent arrival from the Old North State. He came in to attend to some private business.

Judge John Barton Payne, of the Superior Court in the city of Chicago, passed through Washington to-day on his return to the West. He was born and reared in Fauquier county, Va., and when quite a young man went to the western metropolis. He has met with some success out there.

Mr. H. H. Downing, of Front Royal, was among to-day's Virginia visitors.

UNIVERSITY DINNER. The dinner given this evening by the alumni of the University of Virginia at Page's Hotel, in this city, was a great success. Covers were laid for 100 persons. Secretary Herbert presided.

Among the toasts responded to were: "Life of Thomas Jefferson," by John Goode; "Our Alumni," by Colonel M. Nelson; and "The University of the Mary-land and Law University," by Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, Professor W. D. Cabell, and Dr. L. W. Glazebrook.

A post-office, to be known as Raskake, has been established in Russell county, Pa., with Stephen Raskake as postmaster.

MANY CANDIDATES MENTIONED.

What is Said in Lynchburg Regarding the Vacant Collectorship.

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—The question who will be collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District of Virginia is the subject of much interest here. It is an interesting one, but there is no nearer settled so far as the general public knows than it was on Saturday. Senator Martin, Senator Daniel, Congressman Meredith, and Congressman Smith met here, presumably to discuss the collectorship, and they left together on the early morning train to-day for Wash-

ington. In addition to the names heretofore mentioned, it is said that Judge J. Thompson Brown, of Nelson, and Mr. R. R. Witt, of Rockbridge, are candidates for the position. It is also rumored that General Fitzhugh Lee would accept this position if it were offered him. If that is true, it puts a different phase on the whole situation. The collectorship is a very important one, and the man who holds it will have a great deal to do with the financial affairs of the State. It is a position of great honor and responsibility, and it is one that should be filled by a man of high character and ability. It is a position that should be filled by a man who is well known to the people, and who is respected by them. It is a position that should be filled by a man who is well known to the people, and who is respected by them.

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History of Jefferson's Great Institution—Address—Officers.

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Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Secretary of the Navy, Mr. John D. Long; Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Charles D. Walcott; Secretary of the Interior, Mr. John D. Long; Secretary of the War, Mr. John D. Long.

NICARAGUA'S REPLY.

It is Regarded by Diplomats as a Skillful Move.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The fact that Nicaragua has made a reply to the British Foreign Office as to its measure satisfactory, was published several days ago. Particulars as to the contents of Nicaragua's reply have now been received here.

Nicaragua's reply is definitely agreeing to none of the specific demands of Great Britain, and conceding the applicability of the principle of arbitration to some of the acts committed in the Mosquito Territory, and suggesting in the most friendly manner possible that an impartial committee of arbitrators be constituted for all the grounds of complaint.

Nicaragua, although assuring Great Britain of a cordial desire to give complete satisfaction, neither promises to pay the various sums demanded for injuries inflicted on British subjects, nor agrees to do so, but agrees to a fair and just settlement of claims that shall be recommended by an impartial arbitrator.

Great Britain's proposition excluding from the arbitration commission "a citizen of any American State" is quietly ignored in Nicaragua's reply.

The communication is regarded in diplomatic circles as a skillful move on Nicaragua's part.

THE SHORTAGE AT CARSON.

James Had Not at Last Accounts Given Him.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Director Bryan has received a report from Andrew Mason, Inspector of United States Mints, stating that the actual gold shortage at the Carson (Nev.) mint is \$75,000. No further shortage is expected to be found, as the mint is now working on a basis of two months' careful investigation.

John F. Jones, assistant minter and receiver, who under authority of the mint had not been able to give him, Jones was suspended from duty on April 8th, and is now being held in custody. Other arrests are expected to follow.

The bond of minter and receiver is \$20,000 and of assistant \$10,000.

INDICTED AT WASHINGTON.

Captured in Virginia—Legal Extra-Attention.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The grand jury to-day returned indictments against Billy Williams, Eddy Desmond, and Jack Dempsey, on the charge of recently having open and robbing the safe of the Washington Steamboat Company.

Williams and Desmond were captured in Virginia, and were taken to Washington and Washington authorities on Jackson City, Va., just across the Long bridge, and were held in custody.

Desmond is held in Alexandria, and refuses to come to Washington without a writ of habeas corpus. An effort to prevent his extradition is now being made before Judge Hughes, in the United States District Court, at Norfolk. Dempsey is at large.

FEDERAL TREASURY FACTS.

Receipts So Far This Month Pointing.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Treasury receipts for half of the month of April aggregate \$2,355,000, indicating not over \$25,000,000 for the month. The expenditures so far foot up \$23,200,000, foreshadowing a total for the month of more than \$20,000,000.

At the present time the excess of expenditures over receipts for the month is \$3,855,000, and for the fiscal year to date is \$14,622,000. The difference between receipts and expenditures by the end of April will probably be reduced for the month to \$3,000,000 excess of expenditures over receipts. For this month the receipts, which at the beginning of April promised \$20,000,000 to \$20,000,000, have been disappointing.

Monthly Crop Reports.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—In accordance with a call issued by A. C. Raymond, representing the Detroit Board of Trade, a conference of reports from representatives of the several boards of trade of the country, with Statisticians of the Agricultural Department began this morning in the rooms of the Interstate Commission.

The object of the meeting is to discuss the methods of collecting data in preparing the monthly crop reports of the Agricultural Department, with a view to securing more accurate results. It was claimed that during the past five years the wheat crop has been undervalued.

Mails for Cuba Small.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Owing to the troubles in Cuba, the mails for that country and vicinity have fallen to a very small number. The Post-Office Department has permitted the Plant System to make one less trip per week from Savannah to Tampa by rail, and the consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever in Cuba, the department is making arrangements to fumigate mails from all the tropical countries. This is an unusual precaution to be taken so early in the season.

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Choice seats other than these, \$1.50.

TYROLEAN QUEEN LAST NIGHT.

The Operetta—Well Presented by Little Fanny—The Chimes To-night. The presentation of the "Tyrolean Queen" at the Academy last night was a delightful success. From beginning to end the stage was a blaze of perfectly harmonized color, whilst the music has abundant tune and animation. In swelling stage crowds, in budding beauty, in stately dances, and in every variety of costume, the operetta was a very pretty picture. The "Tyrolean Queen" is a very pretty picture. The operetta was a very pretty picture. The operetta was a very pretty picture.

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THE WEEK IN WYTHEVILLE.

Horse-Trading on Court-Day—Clubs Resume Meetings—Personal.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—Monday last, County Court day, was notable as horse-trading day. Eleven buyers, mostly from Norfolk, and other points met in Wytheville, and horses from this and adjoining counties were offered for sale. The street for a square in the neighborhood of the corner where the trading took place, was crowded with very low figures, anywhere from \$40 to \$80.

Additional reports from the recent local road, of which your paper gave an account Tuesday morning, indicate that the damage done to the farms in this county, by the late heavy rains, is not so great as was at first supposed. Crops and fences were washed away, and "bottom lands" injured.

The trustees of the Wytheville Memorial College, for girls, of Wytheville, are advertising for a principal to take charge of the school for the session 1895-1896.

The least of the present crop, to wit, the wheat, is expected to be a good one. The grounds and buildings are commodious and attractive, and the college has always commanded a good patronage.

The stock of the Wytheville Opera House Company was put on the market a day or two ago—nearly one half has been sold. The company is now in a position to build a residence on a lot in Jackson Park this summer.

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The Bahamas and Cuba.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS, April 15.—The Governor of the Bahama Islands has issued a neutrality proclamation against interference with Cuban matters.

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(Indianapolis Journal.)

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